

# WHAT'S UP, DACH?

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## HOT News

### Earplugs Required on BDU's

MEDDAC personnel are now required to wear earplugs on the left top BDU pocket attached to the right inside buttonhole. To receive earplugs, go to the SMRC. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Jones-Lugo at 286-7245.

## MEDDAC Happenings

### Stairwell Renovation Continues

Stairwell 6, adjacent to the command entrance, will be closed from Jan. 21 to Jan. 31. The project will replace the flooring and handrails in the stairwells. Asbestos abatement to remove flooring materials will be conducted through the course of this project. Stairwell 6 is the third of 10 stairwells to be renovated. A hands-on briefing will be conducted with each NCOIC of the areas impacted as we work through the project. Interim Life Safety measures are required when egress is blocked. Training and increased fire drills will be conducted throughout the project as required.

The POC for this project is Christopher Snodgrass at 286-7313.

## Commander's Corner

Darnall Staff,

I want to thank all of you for working so hard and playing so safely throughout the holiday season. We made it through the holiday season without a single incident. That is outstanding. Let's try to continue that trend into the new year.

Now that the holidays are over and as we look forward to a great 2002, it is important we keep our focus and continue to be number one in caring, quality and readiness.

Some members of our team will soon be leaving us to fight the war on terrorism. Although this loss may leave your clinics and areas short-staffed, it is important to remember why they are gone. Wherever soldiers go, medics go, and Darnall is prepared to answer the President's call.

We have a number of events coming up this spring, most importantly the grand opening of the Moore Health Clinic next month. This will be the largest health clinic in the Department of Defense and I am extremely proud of all the hard work that's gone into its creation. We are planning a grand opening ceremony in March that will showcase the clinic and show the local community the great work we've been doing.

I have instituted a new smoking policy at Darnall. The only designated smoking area is outside the dining facility. There is a fence enclosing the area and it may be used for breaks only, not to enter or exit the hospital.

We have all been working extremely hard and that dedication shows. Keep up the good work. Hooah!

-Col. Donald J. Kasperik



# Training Opportunities

## HIV/AIDS in the Workplace

The training will take place Feb. 5 from 8-11 a.m. in the Civilian Training Center, building 4335. This building is located across the street from the CPAC on 77<sup>th</sup> Street. This training is for Army civilians. Please contact the Civilian Personnel Liaison Office at 286-7238 or 7240 for registration and information.

## Supervisory Training

This is a one-time mandatory training for all MEDDAC supervisors, military and civilian. It will be held Feb. 12 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the CPAC Training Facility, building 4335. It covers EAP, EEO, TAPES, Partnership and Workers Compensation. Personnel interested in attending must be registered through CPLO. Register no later than Feb. 1. Please call 286-7238 or 7240 for more information.

## Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Training

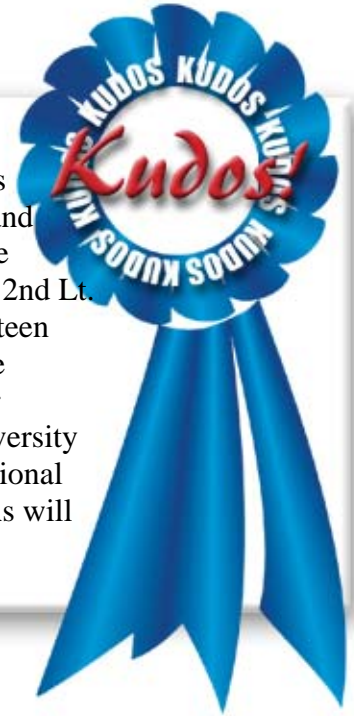
AT/FP Training will be held Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. in building 36001, room 158. AT/FP is an annual training requirement for all military and civilian MEDDAC employees. You can also complete the training on-line at [www.at-awareness.org](http://www.at-awareness.org). The access code is aware. If you have questions, please call DRETS at 286-7252.

## Customer Service Classes

Customer service is everyone's business. All employees are required to complete the class once. The next customer service class will be held Jan. 29 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the hospital auditorium.

## Congratulations to 4 New PAs

The Medical Specialist Corps welcomed their newest officers and physician assistants Jan. 10 in the auditorium. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ewa Garner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Brian Harrity, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Justina Mateen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bertis McMillan were commissioned and received their bachelor's degrees from the University of Nebraska. After passing a national certification exam, these new PAs will begin seeing patients.



## Did You Know?

### W-2s for Federal Civilian Employees

Federal Civilian employees may print their W-2 forms from the Employee Member Self-Service website at [www.dfas.mil/emss](http://www.dfas.mil/emss). Employees requiring assistance with their PINs may contact Carolyn Williams at 286-7248.

### Inaugural AMEDD Golf Tournament

The tourney will be held February 26 at the Clear Creek Golf Course. The deadline to register your four-person team is February 19. Sign-in begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The format is 4-person scramble. Please contact Capt. Soo Lee Davis at 288-8744, or by email to register. The proceeds will benefit the AMEDD Holiday Ball.

### MEDDAC Badges

For personnel to receive a MEDDAC badge, the OIC or NCOIC must now sign the badge worksheet. Badges will not be issued without one of these signatures. For more information, contact CPLO.

# Meetings

# More News



## **Position Management Review Committee**

The PMRC will meet January 25 at 3 p.m. in the Command Conference Room. The committee reviews requests for hiring actions, reassignments, and the subcommittee report. Requests received in the CPLO by close of business Jan. 22 will be placed on the agenda. Supervisors submitting actions must attend the meeting or send a representative.

## **Family Readiness Group Meeting**

The next FRG Meeting will take place Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. in the auditorium.

## **Hazardous Material Inventories**

MEDDAC Reg 40-7, Hazardous Material and Hazardous Waste, requires each section to update their hazardous material inventory as new chemicals are added and old chemicals are deleted. This update is to be submitted to the Safety Office each January. A sample inventory (FH MDA Form 381) is at Appendix C of MEDDAC Reg 40-7. Use of the form is not mandatory, however, all of the requested information must be included. Send inventories to the Safety Office by Jan. 31. The information may either be submitted in hard copy or e-mail. If you have any questions, please call the Safety Office at 288-8477.

## **UMHB Visit**

A prospective student information meeting for the Graduate Health Services Management Program at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will be held Jan. 29 from 3-5 p.m. in the auditorium. UMHB Faculty will be present to answer questions. For more info, contact UMHB at 295-4558.

# Quotes

## **Adversity**

The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value. I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink; but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death.

*-Thomas Paine*

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents, which in prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant.

*-Horace*